

# *Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church*

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*Note: All Hymns are printed in the back of the bulletin.*

**PRELUDE - "Fairest Lord Jesus" Bish**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Service of Thanksgiving at the Retirement of a Debt**

**Congregational President:** Sisters and Brothers: With joy and thanksgiving I announce to you the retirement of this congregation's debt on July 15, 2020. On January 1, 2018, the debt was \$202,642.29, and it is now paid in full.

**P:** On this occasion we celebrate both the completion of a significant goal and the beginning of new ventures in faith. Let us give thanks for God's gifts and pray for God's continuing wisdom and guidance in the mission of Christ that we share.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, you have brought us to a day of celebration in the life of this congregation. You have accompanied us in times of excitement and discouragement; you have guided us in our visions and plans; and you have given us the joy of working together for the sake of the gospel. We rejoice in the completion of a task that was begun with trust in your promise, and we give thanks for all whose courage, energy, and resources have contributed to its fulfillment.

In these days ahead, use us, and our gifts, in new ways. Continue to renew us in the life of our baptism so that we continue to live together as your faithful people, carry out the ministry of word and sacrament, proclaim Christ in word and deed, serve all people in His name, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN #632 - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Printed in the back of the bulletin.)**

**PASTORAL GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on me. I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I turn from your loving embrace and go my own way. I pass judgment on others before examining myself. I place my own needs before those of my neighbors. I keep your gift of salvation to myself. Make me humble, cast away my transgressions, and turn me again to life in you through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in this congregation throughout its life. While this sanctuary is being made new, we pray your blessings upon all who have called this their spiritual home and look forward to gathering here again in this sacred space. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

#### **FIRST READING - 1 Kings 8:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. <sup>23</sup>He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' <sup>26</sup>Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. <sup>27</sup>But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup>Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **SECOND READING - Psalm 122**

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" <sup>2</sup>Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem — built as a city that is bound

firmly together. <sup>4</sup>To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David. <sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. <sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers." <sup>8</sup>For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." <sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand and sing.)**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the good news according to St. John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL - John 15:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY #652 - "Built on a Rock" (Printed in the back of the bulletin.)**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** - In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper is now ready.

*Pastor Sue will lead you when to open communion package*

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

#### **SHARING THE MEAL**

*All are welcome to receive the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or a Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We do ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ. **Gluten free host is not available at this time. The cups only contain grape juice. Welcome!***

#### **PASTORAL BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)**

**We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Service of Celebration and Temporary Leave-Taking**

Look around this beautiful sanctuary. Built in 1901, it has been a gift from God for thousands of people and will continue to be a gift for generations to come. The next time we worship together, this sanctuary will look different - repaired, repainted, and renovated. Yes, it will look different, but God's Holy Spirit has been and always will be within all who gather here.

Because proclaiming the word and celebrating the sacraments are the heart of all congregations' ministry, we give thanks for the ways that God has nurtured us throughout the years and has led us to serve others in Jesus' name.

#### **At the Pulpit**

Let us pray,

O God, your mighty Word at the dawn of creation breathed life into the earth and all of its inhabitants. By the gift of your incarnate Word in Jesus, you brought good news of life and salvation to all humankind. Through your Word proclaimed in worship here, this congregation has been challenged and healed. Let your voice, which has sounded in this place, echo in our lives as we proclaim your message of peace in our homes and communities until we gather again; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **At the Baptismal Font**

O God, through the flood in the time of Noah, and through the waters of the Red Sea, you saved your people of old. Through the waters of baptism in this place, your people have been born to new life and have been commissioned for service in Jesus' name. May all the baptized continue to give witness to your saving grace throughout the world, until we gather again; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **At the Altar**

O God, through manna on a wilderness journey and through loaves of bread multiplied on a hillside, you fed people who needed sustenance for their bodies and souls. May all who have been nourished here with the body and blood of Jesus Christ give themselves away as food for the hungry. May all who have feasted here find grace, peace, and joy, until we gather again; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

The blessings of God our Creator be yours: on your road, on your journey, guiding you, cherishing you.

**The Son's blessing be yours: wine and water, bread and stories, feeding you, challenging you.**

The Spirit's blessing be yours: wind and fire, joy and wisdom, comforting you, startling you.

**The Angels' blessing be yours: on your house, on your living, guarding you, encouraging you.**

God's blessing be ours; the blessing of friends and family all the nights and days of our journey, until we gather again. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG AND REMOVAL OF WORSHIP ITEMS**

**HYMN #619 - "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" (Printed in the back of the bulletin.)**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. And serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please wait for the Ushers to dismiss you from the back to the front.*

### **Postlude - "How Firm A Foundation" Bogner**

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OPENING HYMN #632 - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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*Thanksgiving Meals for the Hungry*

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. The need in our community is great. The Thanksgiving meal will be handled differently this year due to circumstances with the virus. Instead of you donating the food we are asking for monetary donations towards the meal. We will do the shopping this year. One meal which will include a turkey, consists of a box of Jello, a can of cranberries, a box of Stove Top stuffing, a box of brownie mix, a can of vegetables, a box of corn muffin mix, a can of turkey gravy, a box of instant mashed potatoes, a can of yams and a can of fruit will cost approximately \$37.00. Your donation in any amount will help. Please make checks out to **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** and in the memo area put **Thanksgiving meal**. Thank you for your generosity

Social Ministries

HYMN OF THE DAY #652 - "Built on a Rock"

Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with  
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.  
Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887  
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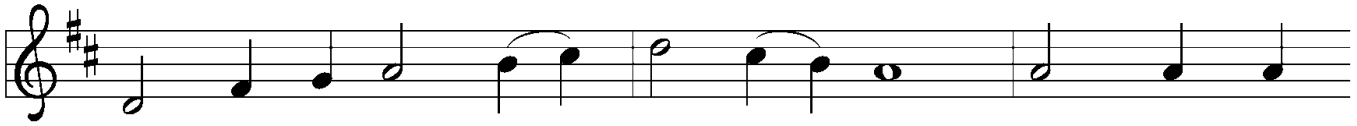
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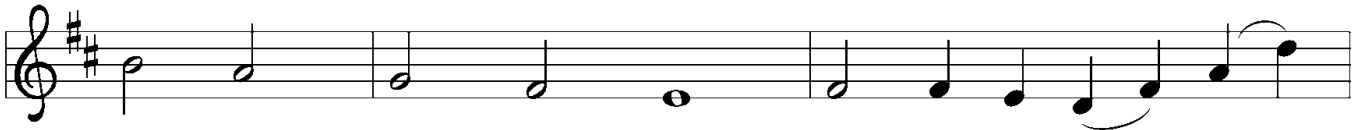


SENDING HYMN #619 - "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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**Order Lutefisk, Lefse and Herring!  
Christ Lutheran Church, DeForest, WI**

We are pleased to announce that you may order lutefisk, lefse and herring for home use this year! Since we cancelled our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner due to COVID-19, Christ Lutheran Church has decided to hold a fund raiser selling these products. **You may order these products** by completing the form below and mailing it, along with your check payable to Christ Lutheran Church, 220 S. Main Street, DeForest, WI 53532, **by October 10, 2020**. (Please note: we have been in contact with these suppliers and the products are all available at this time, but should the products become unavailable by delivery time, a refund will be issued.)

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All orders, with payment, **must be received by October 10, 2020**

**Orders must be picked up** at Christ Lutheran Church, 220 South Main Street, in DeForest on: **Saturday, November 14, 2020 between 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Curbside Pickup:** When you arrive, please pull up by the back door in the Church parking lot and call **608-846-4718**, give them your name, make/model/color of your car, and someone will bring your order out to you. For questions about ordering, please call Christ Lutheran Church at 608-846-4718.